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SUBJECT: CESSNA DISTRIBUTOR AND ALLEGED ARAB BOYCOTT OF US
GOODS

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1. AT LEAST AS FAR AS OMAN GOES, EMBASSY HAS NEITHER ONE
SCRAP OF EVIDENCE NOR ANY REASON TO BELIEVE BLANKET BOYCOTT
BEING CONTEMPLATED EVEN IN THE EVENT OF ANOTHER OUTBREAK OF
HOSTILITIES. ASIDE FROM THE POLITICAL REVERSAL OF TREND
TOWARD IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH US, SUCH ACTION WOULD ENTAIL
SEVERE ECONOMIC DISLOCATIONS, INCLUDING LOSS OF NEEDED SPARES
AND COMPLEMENTARY PRODUCTS, INABILITY TO OBTAIN CERTAIN
KINDS OF VITALLY NEEDED PRODUCTS, ESPECIALLY OILFIELD SUPPLIES,
BECAUSE US ONLY SOURCE WHICH CAN PRODUCE THEM IN ADEQUATE
QUANTITY OR QUALITY, AND LOSSES TO LOCAL BUSINESSMEN WHO
BENEFIT FROM TRADE WITH US.

2. REGARDING CESSNA PRODUCTS IN PARTICULAR, WE BELIEVE THIS
OPPORTUNE TIME FOR KHAN VISIT. MAJOR COMPANIES AND GOVERN-
MENT DEPARTMENTS BOTH RAPIDLY REALIZING VALUE OF SHORT RADIUS
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AIRCRAFT IN A COUNTRY WHERE PROJECT LOCATIONS ARE SOMETIMES

HUNDREDS OF MILES APART.
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